

REMARKS:

The Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement alleges that the subject Application contains claims directed to three patentably distinct species. (7 December 2007 Restriction Requirement, Page 2). The Applicants respectfully disagree and respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement as set herein, because ***the Requirement is clearly improper.***

The Applicants hereby elect Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21, 23, 25 (which are directed to a single species), with traverse, in accordance with the applicable Rules of Practice and to advance the prosecution of the subject Application. As mentioned above, Claims 1, 9, 17, and 25 are considered generic claims. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that upon the allowance of a generic claim (i.e. one or more of independent Claims 1, 9, 17, and 25) the Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species (i.e. species 1b and 1c or any additional species added after this election of species) which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

In addition, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement is clearly improper. Accordingly, in traverse, ***the Applicants request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement***, for at least the reasons set forth above. Because the Applicants have made a proper election of an alleged species and set forth the claims directed to that species, as set forth by the Examiner, this response is complete. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, Steven J. Laureanti, at (480) 830-2700 with any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to the subject Application.

CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing election and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Although the Applicants believe no fees are deemed to be necessary; the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 500777**. If an extension of time is necessary for allowing this Response to be timely filed, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the extent necessary. Any fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time should be charged to **Deposit Account No. 500777**.

Please link this application to Customer No. 53184 so that its status may be checked via the PAIR System.

Respectfully submitted,

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